

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A billing method for billing a user for the usage of resources in a SIM card in a telecommunications network, in which the resources are not responsible for the traffic process, comprising:

incrementing at least one counter in the SIM card when at least one of a software resource and a hardware resource is used in the SIM card;

BF determining an amount to be billed from a counter value, provided by the at least one counter in the SIM card, wherein the amount to be billed corresponds to at least one of a service fee and a license fee; and

billing the user for at least one of the software resources and the hardware resources used in the SIM card.

2. (Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, wherein at least one billed-for resource is a contactless interface.

3. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, wherein at least one billed-for resource is based upon the use of the SIM card in an external system.

4. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising individually billing a plurality of resources independently in the SIM card.

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5. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising incrementing the at least one counter based upon the duration of usage of the respective billed-for resource.

7. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising offering the at least one billed-for resource by an external service provider, wherein the amount to be billed corresponds to a service fee for use of the offered service.

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8. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising incrementing more than one counter to correspond to different types of fees applied to the use of a single resource.

9. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying the amount to be billed on a mobile device in which the SIM card is inserted.

10. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising charging the amount to be billed to a pre-paid account in the SIM card.

11. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising: preparing a billing record with the amount to billed; and transmitting the billing record to a billing center in said telecommunications network.

12. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 11, further comprising comparing an amount counted by the counter to a pre-defined amount, wherein the billing

record is only prepared when the amount counted by the counter exceeds the pre-defined amount.

13. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 11, further comprising transmitting the billing record via said telecommunications network by means of SMS messages.

14. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 1, further comprising determining the amount to be billed based upon a fee table stored in the SIM card.

15. (Twice Amended) The billing method according to claim 14, further comprising changing said fee table remotely, by means of SMS messages from another location in said telecommunications network.

16. (Twice Amended) A SIM card for use in a telecommunications network in which the SIM card may be inserted into a terminal device in a removable manner, comprising data processing means to enable the storing of data, wherein the data contains at least identification data of a user in the telecommunications network, wherein

the SIM card further comprises at least one counter that is incremented when one of a software resource and hardware resource not responsible for the traffic process of the SIM card is used; and

a mechanism configured to determine an amount to be billed from a counter value, wherein the amount to be billed corresponds to one of at least a service fee and a license fee.

17. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, wherein at least one billed-for hardware resource contains a contactless interface.

18. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, wherein at least one billed-for resource is based upon use of the SIM card in an external system.

19. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, wherein the usage of a plurality of resources is counted independently and recorded independently in the SIM card.

20. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, wherein at least one counter is incremented depending on the duration of the usage of the respective billed-for resource.

21. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, wherein at least one billed-for resource corresponds to a license fee for use of the resource.

23. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, wherein the use of at least one single resource activates at least one of a plurality of counters to increment, said plurality counters correspond to different types of fees.

24. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, further comprising means to debit the billed amount from a prepaid account in the SIM card.

25. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16 further comprising:
means to prepare a billing record with the amount to be billed; and
means to transmit the billing record to a billing center in said telecommunications networks.

26. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 25, further comprising
means to compare the amount counted by the counter with a pre-defined amount and to
prepare said billing record as soon as the amount counted by the counter exceeds the
pre-defined amount.

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27. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 25, wherein the billing
records are transmitted via said billing center in said telecommunications network by means
of SMS messages.

28. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 16, wherein the billed
amounts are dependent upon a fee table stored in the SIM card.

29. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 28, wherein said fee table
can be changed, remotely controlled, by means of SMS messages from another location in the
telecommunications network.

30. (Twice Amended) The SIM card according to claim 25, further comprising
TTP encryption means, by means of which the billing records can be signed and encrypted.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.